

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 5-22 to read as follows:

Table 300 (Figures. 15 and 16) includes, in the embodiment shown, a body 301 having a first support 302 mounted thereto. First support 302 includes a surface 303. A second support 304 having a surface 305 is connected to first support 302 such that surfaces 303 and 305 are disposed at a generally 90° angle. A plate 306 is connected to second support 304 at a generally 90° angle thereto. An arm 307 extends from plate 306 and includes a surface 308 generally facing surface 303. Arm 307 helps contain the item being sliced during use. An arm 309 is connected to support 302 and includes a pair of opposed flanges 310 with openings 311 formed therein. Openings 311 receive the shaft along which pusher assembly 200 moves, as described below. Body 301 may include reinforcement ~~320~~ 312 therein. Note that the embodiment of table 300 shown in Figures 15 and 16 differs from that shown in Figures 1-12 in this regard. Body 301 further includes a mounting flange 313 on the base thereof for attaching table 300 to arm 400 as described below. An opening 314 is formed within the base of body 301 to receive pin 412 as described below. A plurality of openings 315 are formed within plate 306 for securing handle 600 thereto as described below. A plate 316 is connected to the underside of support 302 as shown. A pair of mounting studs 317 are likewise secured to the underside of support 302 for securing handle 600 thereto.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 18-31 to read as follows:

If the slicer is to be operated in the automatic mode, the motor 1400 is started, thereby causing blade 800 to rotate and arm 400 to moved back and forth along the length of the slcier via carriage assembly 1000. This forces the edge of the product against rotating blade 800, thereby slicing product. Note that because the front of the unit is completely open beneath the output of blade 800, a larger stack of sliced product can accumulate before removal, as compared to units in which the base extends out underneath the output of the blade 800. As shown in ~~Figure 43~~ Figure 34, blade 800 is connected to pulley 1401 which is in turn connected by drive

belt 1402 to motor 1400 located directly below the slicing blade within housing 100. This arrangement of the motor below the blade allows the frame 2100 to be substantially free of the food slice receiving area located on the left side of the slicer directly below the blade 800. Prior slicing machine designs typically placed the motor and other inner working of the machine to the left side of the slicing blade in a housing which extended into the food receiving area thereby ~~limited~~ limiting the maximum stack height attainable in such designs.